CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE WITNESS

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Partin Indicted by Federal Jury

A federal grand jury returned an indictment today charging Baton Rouge teamster boss Edward Grady Partin with trying to intimidate a witness in a pending criminal prosecution in which Partin is a defendant.

The indictment charges on or about Jan. 16 in Baton Rouge Partin "wilfully and corruptly did endeavor to influence, intimidate and impede Wade McClanahan, a witness in the case of the United States of America versus Dunham Concrete Products Inc.; Louisiana Ready-Mix Co.; Anderson-Dunham Inc.; Ted F. Dunham Jr., and Edward Grady Partin."

U.S. Attorney Gerald J. Gallinghouse requested a $25,000 bond for Partin which was granted by Federal Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe. Gallinghouse said Partin will be voluntarily produced before the U.S. Commissioner at Baton Rouge this afternoon and will be released on his own recognizance.

The grand jury continued its investigation of alleged labor racketeering in the Baton Rouge area after the indictment was returned.

McClanahan claims his life was threatened while he was in a Baton Rouge jail regarding his testifying in the case involving the Dunham interests and Partin. The Dunham-controlled firms, Ted F. Dunham Jr. and Partin are defendants in a case which charges they attempted to monopolize the ready-mix concrete business in the Baton Rouge area and attempted to coerce the use of Dunham products on construction projects in the area.